

Welcome to Elma UMC

Good Morning and welcome to the church in the valley. We invite all visitors to complete a visitor's card located in the pew and use it as the offering today. Restrooms are located on both the first and second floor. Koala Stations are located in both restrooms on the second floor, as well as the ladies and family restroom on the first floor.

Before Service Begins: Large print bulletins are available in the narthex. An usher would be happy to provide one for you.

Each service offers a sharing prayer. Please use the green "sharing of our joys and concerns" slips to list any matter you would like brought to prayer today. They are located in the narthex. Hand the completed prayer to an usher before service begins. These prayers will be read by the Pastor during joys and concerns and will be posted on e-prayer this week. We have found this to be the best way to communicate our congregation's joyous news and deepest concerns so all may hear and join in prayer. Slips placed in the offering plate will not be announced from the pulpit, but will be placed on e-prayer during the week. We are unable to publish verbal sharing on e-prayer at this time.

About Our Program: During starred (*) areas of worship, parishioners will be asked by the Pastor or Liturgist to stand. If standing for these periods of time would be uncomfortable for you, please remain seated. Children are invited to join the Pastor in the front of the church during Children's Chatter at our 10:30 am service. After sharing and a special prayer, children may return to worship with their families or be dismissed to our Toddler Time, a service provided for our 2-4 year olds needing some time to play. The program is located in our Christian Education Wing.

During Our Service: Closed circuit television is now available in our library for those needing more room or privacy than the sanctuary provides. The library is located on the first floor directly below the sanctuary. An usher would be happy to assist you.

After Our Service: We offer a weekly coffee hour after each service. Please come to our Fellowship Hall located to the right after exiting the stairs for refreshments and to join in friendship.



Elma United Methodist Church

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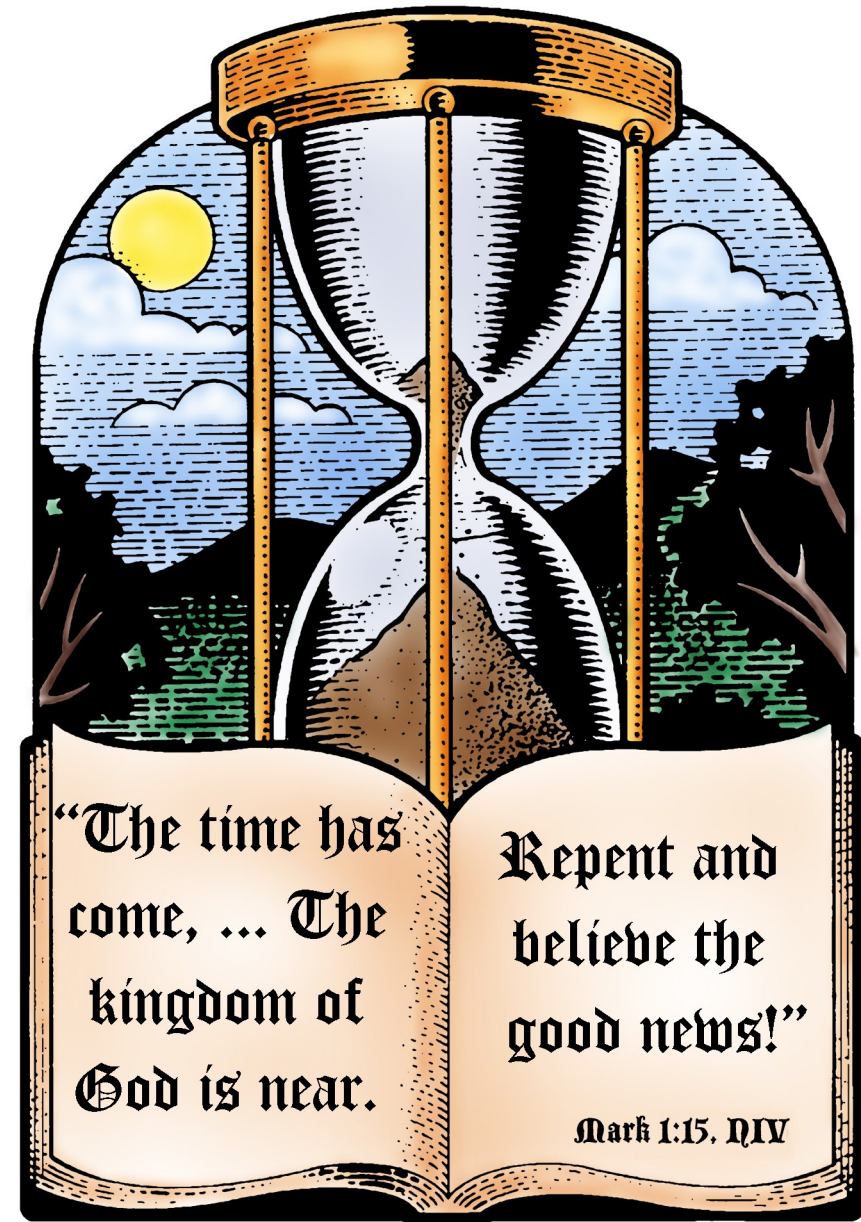
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Order of Worship for Elma United Methodist Church

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Pastoral Care by the Rev. Daven W. Oskvig

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1st Sunday of Lent

ENTRANCE

PASTORAL WELCOME

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE

There is a really deep well inside me. And in it dwells God ... But more often stones and grit block the well, and God is buried beneath. Then God must be dug out again. - **Etty Hillesum**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls.

ALL: Make known your ways to us, O Lord; teach us your paths.

ONE: Do not remember our sins of the past, but by your steadfast love remember us.

ALL: The Lord is good and upright, instructing us in the way.

ONE: The Lord leads the humble what is right, and teaches the humble the way.

ALL: The paths of the Lord are steadfast and love and faithfulness for those who keep God's covenant and teaching.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* #269

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of the covenant, as the forty days of rain swept away the world's corruption and watered new beginnings of righteousness and life, so in the waters of baptism your people are washed clean and born again. Throughout these forty days, we ask you, unseal for us the spring of your grace, cleanse our hearts of all that is not holy, and cause your gift of new life to flourish once again. Grant this through Christ, our liberator from sin, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God for ever and ever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHATTER (Please sing the refrain of *Jesus Loves Me* (#191) as the children come forward and as they return)

A Loving Church Serving A Loving God.

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 9:8-17 pg. 7

NEW TESTAMENT 1 Peter 3:18-22 pg. 234

HYMN SING

*GOSPEL Mark 1:9-15 pg. 34

SERMON *Driven to the Wilderness* the Rev. Daven W. Oskvig

ANTHEM *Come Follow Me*

PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER PASTOR: Lord, in your mercy.

RESPONSE: Hear our prayers.

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

SUNG AMEN #898

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #95

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN *We'll Understand It Better By and By* #525

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL CLOSING *A Closing Prayer (inside hymnal cover)*

*POSTLUDE

Next Sunday and what follows

March 4, 2012

Services will be held at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Scriptures: Genesis 17:1-7,15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

Greeters: John & Rose Shiesley & Hazel Wilmot Altar Flowers: Wollen Family
 Toddler Time: Nancy Gradwell, Laura & Charlotte Buechi Ushers: Mike & Sue Brunner
 Liturgist: Greg Schuetz Acolytes: Charlotte Buechi & Alexis Murphy
 Fellowship: Melissa DeGraff & Cheryl Kowalski Communion Steward: Brunner Family

Bells will play at the 10:30 service

High School Choir meets at 11:30

Senior Youth 12:30 - 2 pm

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
3/5	3/6	3/7	3/8	3/9	3/10
	Bible Study 9:30 am	Morning Prayer 9:30 am	Chancel Choir 7:30 pm		
	Knit & Crochet 10:30 am	Lectionary Lessons 10:00 am			

Pull out page of announcements for this week and upcoming events in the life of the church

Volunteers for the 10:30 am

Greeters: Pam & Hank Thauer, Joe Pudlewski & Chalya Tait
 Altar Flowers: Cindy Erhardt Liturgist: Stephen Buechi
 Acolytes: Lindsey Garbacz & Nina Wargula Ushers: Bill Black & Jerry Broska
 Toddler Time: Amanda Ball, Cheryl Kowalski & Claire DeNies
 Fellowship: John & Rose Shiesley & Kevin & Ann McCarthy

Altar flowers are placed in honor of Katherine Erhardt's 3rd birthday.

Confirmation will not meet. Confirmands are encouraged to attend the High School offering.

Mini Youth Group Meets 12-1:30 pm

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
2/27	2/28	2/29	3/1	3/2	3/3
	Bible Study 9:30 am	Morning Prayer 9:30 am	Christian Education Com- mittee Meeting 9:30 am	World Day of Prayer at 11 am at Immaculate Conception Roman Catho- lic Church, 520 Oakwood East Aurora	
	Knit & Crochet 10:30 am	Lectionary Lessons 10:00 am	Chancel Choir 7:30 pm		

The Eucharist



Communion Stewards are needed for special services and the first Sunday of each month. A sign up sheet is posted on the Bulletin Board. The 10:30 am service needs 2 communion stewards. Please sign up for the Sunday you are available. Thank you.



Bell Choir is actively seeking new members. Come be a part of this beautiful sound! NO MUSIC READING NECESSARY! Our talented Laura Buechi can set up anyone to succeed. So please take an interest in the bells. Contact Laura Buechi for more information, 675-6428.

ATTN: MUSICIANS

After many years of dedicated service, our director of Acoustic Angels, Shawn Strausbaugh, finds that she must step back from directing the children's choir due to other demands on her time. SPRC is looking to find a replacement as soon as possible to make a smooth transition for all involved. If you are interested in directing the Acoustic Angels please speak with Pastor Daven, Hank Schmidt or Keith Zimmerman as soon as possible.

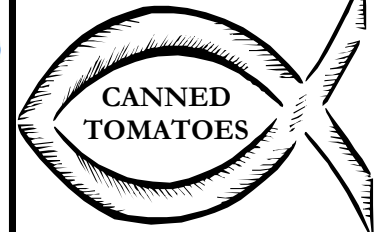


The ecumenical World Day of Prayer service for the East Aurora/Elma area will be held Friday, March 2, 2012 at 11 am at Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, 520 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora. All are invited to attend. The offering collected during the service will go to support the work of World Day of Prayer USA, helping victims of poverty, violence and injustice in Malaysia and around the world.

The Mini Youth will hold their 2nd annual Spaghetti Dinner & Train & Hobby Display on March 31st.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Scholarship applications are available for undergraduates enrolled in a college program for Fall 2012 on the table at the south entrance or on the website.



Several members of the congregation have stepped forward to offer assistance for others in need of a ride, someone to shop for them or some small task around the home. Those that are in need of these services should contact the office to be provided with names and contact numbers of those that can potentially help.

EIGHT BRICKS have been sold, and the Memorial Committee is eager to place the engraving order. Please consider buying a brick in our Memorial Walk. Forms are available on the table inside the south entrance.

Hot dogs, chips, drinks and dessert will be served after the 10:30 am Christian Education Sunday service (March 11th) for your donation to the UMW fund to help send our youth to summer camps.



Corned Beef and Cabbage is on the menu for March 15th at 6 pm here in the Fellowship Hall. Help will be needed with preparing the dining hall & food, and with clean up. Devotions will be led by Joan Zimmerman. There are sign up sheets on the bulletin board for those attending and also those who are able to help. Please sign up early to ensure enough is purchased for all.

